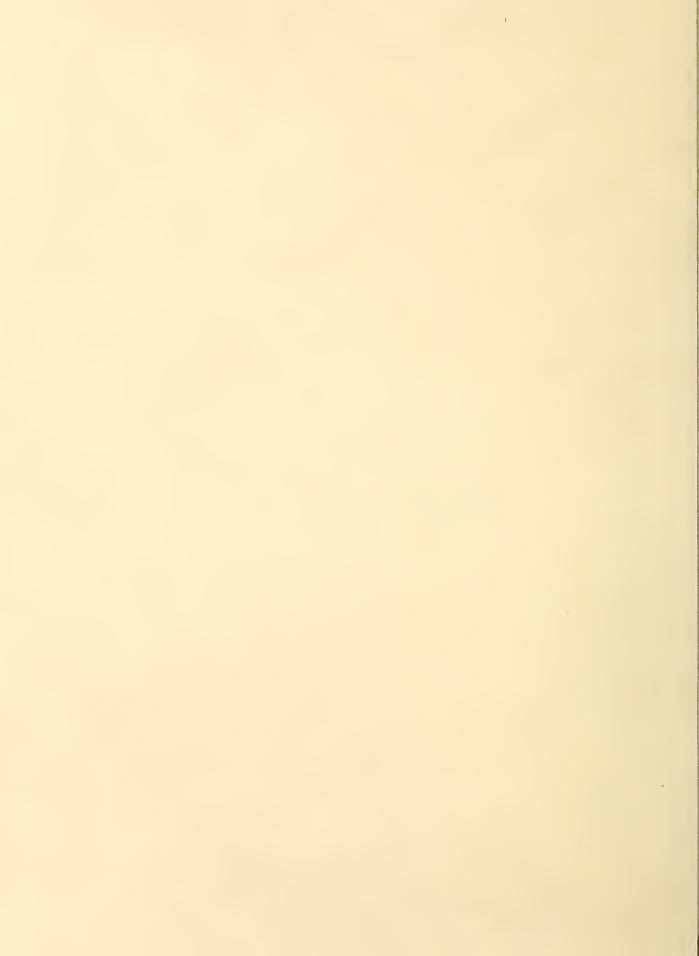
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#### SNOW SURVEYS AND IRRIGATION WATER FORECASTS

FOR UREGON

AS OF

FEBRUARY 1, 1939

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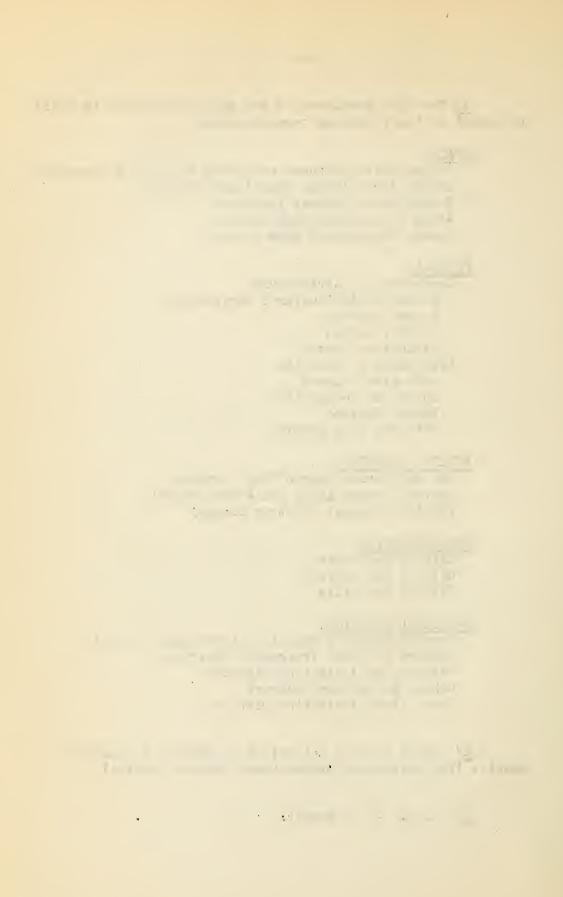
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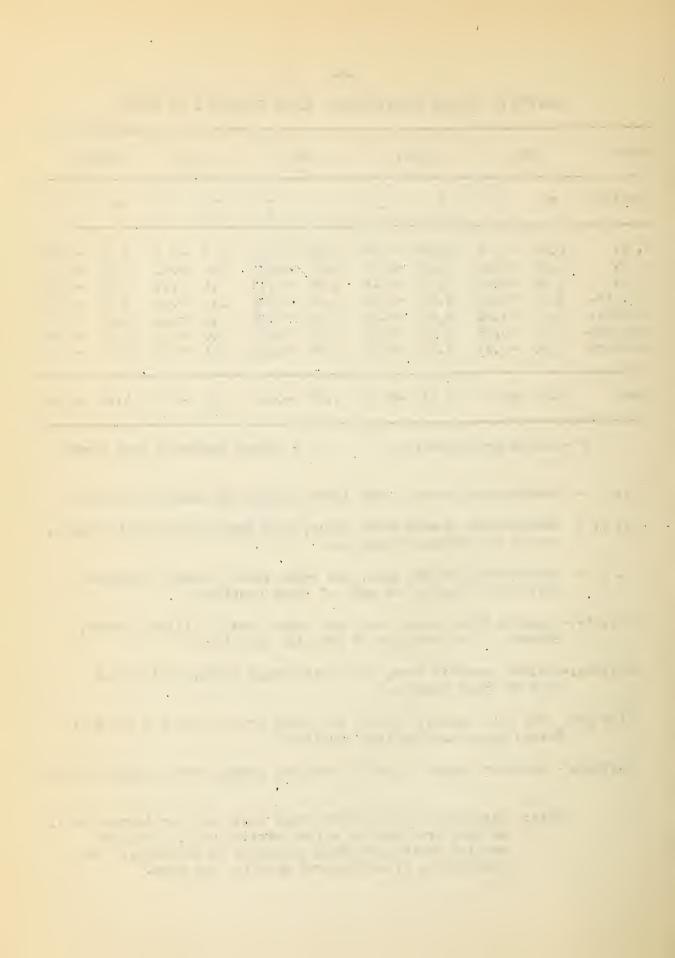
-3-STATUS OF VALLEY PRECIPITATION AS OF OCTOBER 1 TO DATE

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Area	1.38	+0.27	1.81	-0.32	1.10	-0.91	1.3	-0.7	5.52	-1.62

- S. E. Southeastern Oregon range lands, Harney and Malheur Counties.
- S. C. Southcentral Oregon range lands, Lake County and Klamath County, except the Cascade Mountains.
- N. C. Northcentral Oregon wheat and range lands, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wheeler and part of Grant Counties.
- Col.Riv.-Columbia River area, wheat and range lands, Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco and part of Umatilla Counties.
- Wal.Mts.-Wallowa Mountain area, forest and range lands, Wallowa and part of Baker County.
- Blue Mts .- The Blue Mountain forest and range area, Union and parts of Baker, Grant and Umatilla Counties.
- Southern Southern Oregon irrigated section, Jackson and Josephine Counties

Note: Data for the last month shown above are preliminary only, as they are based on a few stations only. Data for earlier months have been corrected to include all the stations in climatological data for the area.

P - Inches precipitation. D - Inches departure from normal.



# STATUS OF RESERVOIR STORAGE AS OF FEBRUARY FIRST

In the following tabulation, water storage in acre feet in some selected Oregon reservoirs as of about February 1, 1939 is compared with storage as of approximately the same time in 1938 and 1937.

			Acre Fe	eet in Sto	rage
Storage	Stream	Capacity	About	About	About
Reservoir	Basin	Acre Ft.	2-1-39	2-1-38	2-1-37
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Agency Valley	Malheur	60,000	41,060	22,110	22,340
Antelope	Owyhee	33,434	3,750	10,000**	5,000**
Clear Lake	Lost River	440,240*	229,510*	105,480*	45,480
Crane Prairie	Deschutes	55,220°	21,080	40,550	35,390
Crescent Lake	Deschutes	80,000	54,280	33,570	25,960
Drew Creek	Goose Lake	62,500	32,520	41,100	33,100
Emigrant Gap	Rogue	8,200	1,859	7,568	Dry
Fish Lake	Rogue	7,720	5,800	3,911	4,820
Four Mile Lake	Klamath***	14,000	9,927	11,434	7,550
Gerber	Klamath	94,000	35,830	44,560	36,370
Hyatt Prairie	Klamath***	16,000	10,230	6,891	3,500
McKay	Umatilla	75,000	21,440	21,440	4,021
Ochoco	Crooked	47,500	21,620	10,780	540
Owyhee	Owyhee	715,000	521,300	571,980	629,390
Upper Klamath Lake	Klamath	524,800*	354,600*	435,200*	295,150*
Wallowa Lake	Wallowa	40,920	36,380	12,880	6,960
Warm Springs	Malheur	170,000	137,280	30,840	12,440
Willow Creek	Malheur	26,000	4,000*		Dry

<sup>\*</sup> Available for use.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Estimated.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> By ditch to Rogue River side.

o 40,500 by agreement.



# COMPARISON OF SNOW COVER WITH THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS

For Oregon as a whole, and for elevations above 5,000 feet, of the 36 courses reporting, 13 were measured last month, 34 were measured about February 1, 1938, 22 were measured about February 1, 1937 and 19 were measured about February 1, 1936.

Comparison of records on these courses for the dates mentioned follows:

Snow cover (water content) now present above 5,000 feet:
As percent of that present about Jan. 1, 1939 ---- 180
As percent of that present about Feb. 1, 1938 ---- 150
As percent of that present about Feb. 1, 1937 ---- 76
As percent of that present about Feb. 1, 1936 ---- 49

For elevations from 3,000 to 5,000 feet, of the 21 courses reporting about February 1, 1939, 6 were measured last month, 18 were measured about February 1, 1938, 13 were measured about February 1, 1937 and 6 were measured about February 1, 1936.

Comparison of records on these courses for the dates mentioned follows:

Snow cover (water content) now present from 3,000 to 5,000 feet elev.

As percent of that present about Jan. 1, 1939 ---- 291

As percent of that present about Feb. 1, 1938 ---- 163

As percent of that present about Feb. 1, 1937 ---- 45

As percent of that present about Feb. 1, 1936 ---- 47

Snow water content on 85 percent of all of the courses is greater than at this time in 1938, but with two exceptions only is very materially less than on about February 1 of either 1936 or 1937. Records on only a few of the courses extend back of 1936, but those records of longer length show that present snow water contents are below the 10 year average on most snow courses.

January precipitation of 1939 occurred partly as snow and partly as rain, especially at the lower elevations. This was unlike either 1938, when a large part of the early winter watershed precipitation came in the form of rain, or 1937, when January precipitation, occurring largely in the form of snow at the lower elevations, resulted in greater average snow depth than usual at those levels.

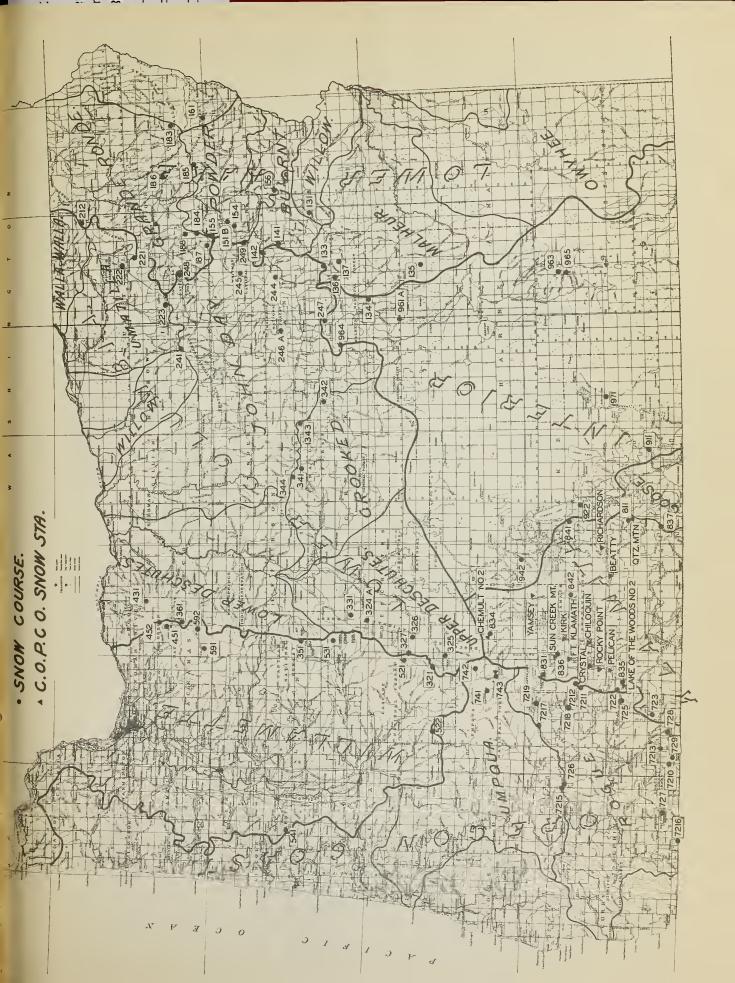
Soil of the watersheds is mostly unfrozen or frozen only to depths of one-half to four inches, and in most locations is apparently quite wet. This condition is similar to that of February 1, 1938, but unlike that of February 1, 1937 when watershed soils, while unfrozen, generally were found to be very dry beneath the snow. The greatest depth of soil freezing reported in 1939 is 16 inches at Chemult.

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There is evidence to indicate that if watershed soils are well wetted before being covered by snow, the water yield to streams from a given amount of snow will be sheater than from the same snow water content deposited on dry watershed soils. Therefore, the anticipated 1939 stream run-off should not be reduced from that of 1936 or 1937 in the same ratio that snow water content may be decreased, but may not be promoted above 1938 in the same ratio that snow water content may be finally increased.

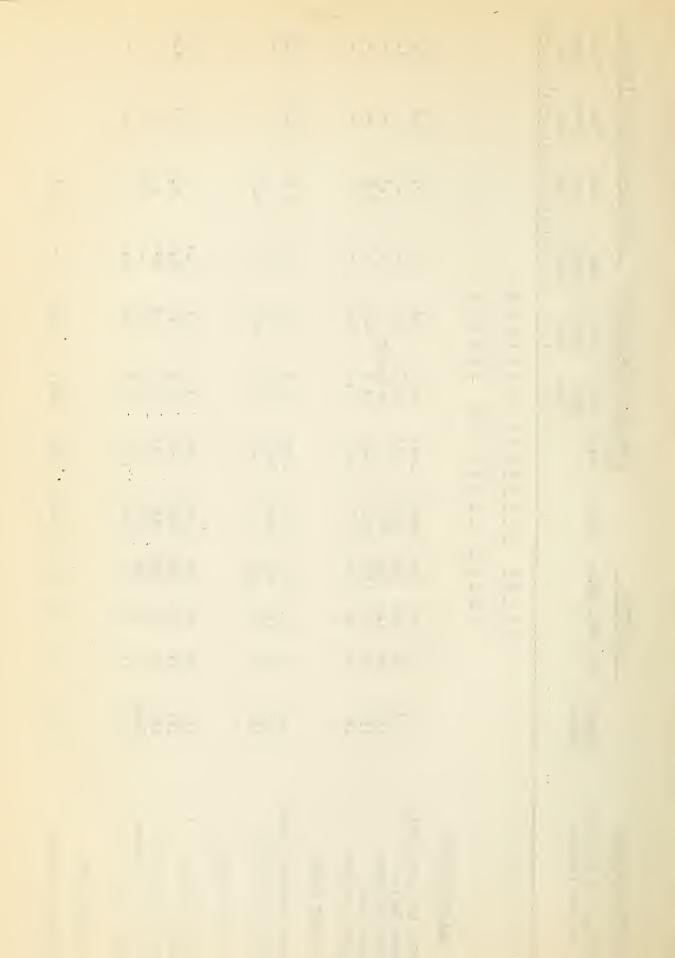
Generally heavy storms beginning during the measurement period have increased the snow cover moderately to materially over the amounts reported herein for the last of January, but continued heavy snow will be required to assure a satisfactory outlook in some parts of the State, especially those lacking in storage facilities. Final seasonal snow measurements upon which definite forecasts are based, will be made during the closing days of March, and additional progress measurements will be made during the last few days of February.





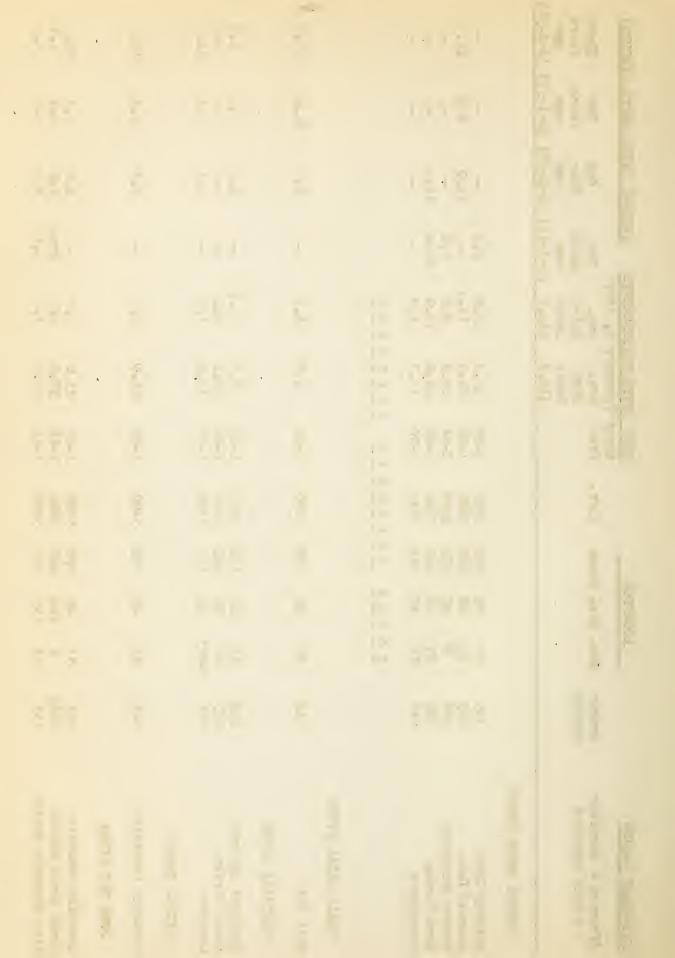


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Starr Ridge	247	20	158	31压	5156	1-29	14.9	1,9	1.3	6.0	4.	5.6	
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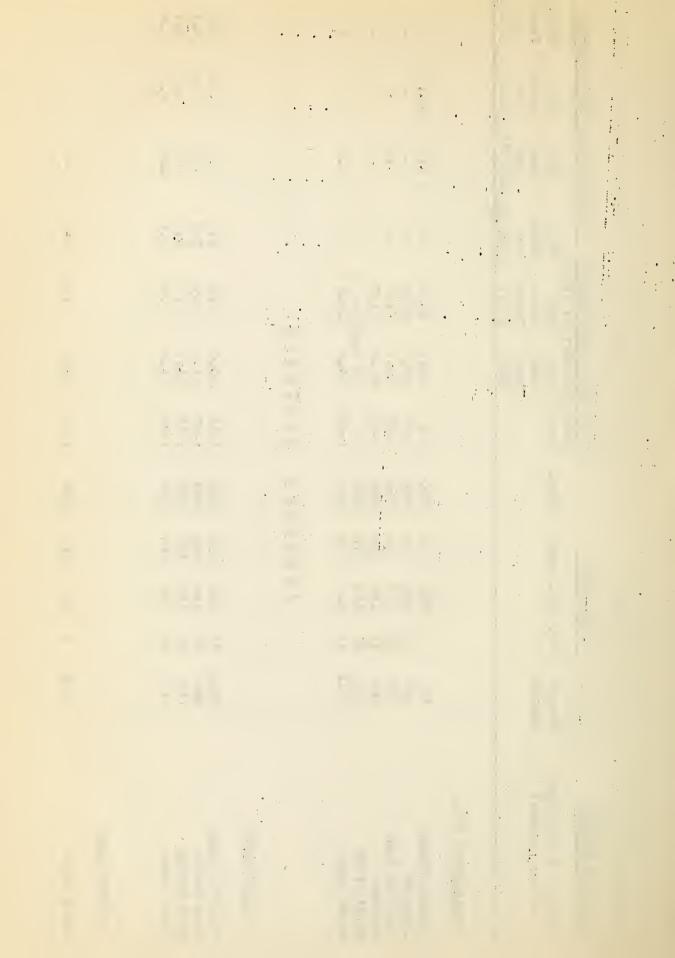
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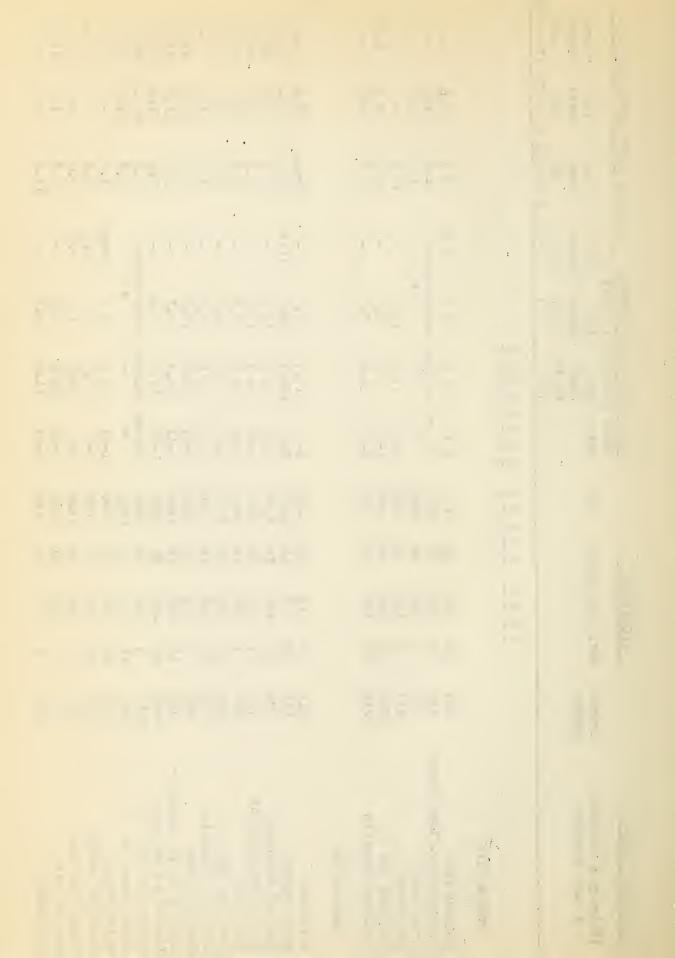
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TRIBUTARY BASINS	(Primary & Secondary & Snow courses)	UMPQUA RIVER	Diamond Jake No.Umpqua nr. Lake Creek Trap Creek Whaleback Goolaway Gap	ROGUE RIVER Althouse Annie Spring Big Red Wountain	Billie Greek Divide Fish Lake Goolaway Gap Goolaway Mountain	Hyatt Prairie Reservoir Little Red Mountain Seven Lakes No. 1	mit anal



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